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SUBJ: FY74 FUNDING LEVELS IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES INCREASE IN FY 73 FUNDING LEVEL
TO DOLS 2,030, 000.

2. AID PROGRAM IS NOW MOVING FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT
FIRST PROJECTS AND RECEIVING SPLENDID SUPPORT FROM YARG
(EG LAND FOR SORGHUM RESEARCH PROJECT AND AID COMPOUND
TOTALLING 60 ACRES, WELL DRILLING EQUIPMENT, ETC.)
FUNDING FIGURE FOR FY74 DG/ TC THEORETICALLY REPRESENTS
A VERY SLIGHT INCREASE OVER FY 73. IN FACT, HOWEVER,
OUR FY 73 YEMEN AID PROGRAM HAS BEEN CARRIED ON VIR-
TUALLY IN A SINGLE QUARTER. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE WHE-
THER FY 74 LEVEL OF DOLS 2,200,000 WILL PROVE ADEQUATE
TO SUSTAIN THE VIGOROUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
WE HOPE WILL CONTINUE AND BE AUGMENTED
IN COMING MONTHS TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOP-
MENT WHICH IS YAR' SMOST EFFECTIVE BULWARK AGAINST
PDRY SUBVERSION. AS AID/ WASHINGTON AWARE,
EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO YAR IS A PRIORITY US POLICY OBJEC-
TIVE ON ARABIAN PENINSULA AS WE SEEK PROTECT WESTERN
ACCESS TO OIL RESOURCES COMING UNDER THREAT FROM
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CURRENT SOVIET PROGRAMS IN IRAQ AND ADEN.

3. PRESUME ABSENCE OF FIGURE FOR YEMEN UNDER FP DOES
NOT APPLY TO CRS VOLAG PROGRAM FOR WHICH WE HAVE PRE-
LIMINARY APPROVAL FOR FY 74 FROM TITLE II SUBCOMMITTEE.
AS DEPARTMENT INFORMED, WE ALSO HAVE OUTSTANDING YARG
REQUESTS FOR ADDKTIONAL TITLE I AND TITLE II ASSIST-
ANCE WHICH CONTINUE UNDER STUDY HERE.
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